



# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

In re patent application of: CHARPENTIER ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/714,524

Filed: November 17, 2000

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR CONTROLLING THE

THICKNESS OF A LAYER OF AN INTEGRATED

CIRCUIT IN REAL TIME

Examiner: B. Kebede

Art Unit: 2823

Docket #: P06983US00/RFH

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Attached is:

- ..... a response after Final Rejection dated
- ☒ a response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2003
- ..... a Preliminary Amendment
- ..... a Petition for an extension of time
- ☒ Other: Attachments A-C (clean and marked specification; clean claims)

Fees: For claims if required and/or other fees as shown below:

	NOW	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TOTAL CLAIMS	8	20	0	X \$ 18 =	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDEP. CLAIMS	2	3	0	X \$ 84 =	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CLAIMS FEES =					0
Reduction by ½ for <b>small entity status</b> of applicant					
SUBTOTAL =					0
Fee for extension of time (per attached Petition)					
Other fee for					
TOTAL OF ALL FEES =					0

..... A check in the amount of \$0 is enclosed. If no check or an insufficient check is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.

- ☒ In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and that a separate petition is not submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee is authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

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SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on November 20, 2002, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace each paragraph indicated in **Attachment A** with the (clean)  
paragraph as shown after the indication in Attachment A provided herewith. A  
marked up copy of each replaced paragraph showing the changes from the  
original paragraphs is shown in **Attachment B** provided herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-6, 8 and 9 are canceled. Claims 10-17 are newly added. A clean  
version of all claims (claims 10-17) is provided herewith in **Attachment C**.

REMARKS

Considering the matters raised in the Office Action in the same order as  
raised, it is respectfully submitted that the withdrawal by the Examiner of claims 8

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